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to dismantle and destroy these criminal organizations, their financiers and suppliers who prey upon our society through their importation, manufacture, and distribution of illicit drugs.

In additional comments issued on April 1, 1985, the Attorney General noted that through March 18, 1985, "[t]he Task Force Program has resulted in 1,152 indictments against a total of 4,624 defendants," indicating an increase of 1,156 defendants indicted since January 1, 1985. He added that the first meeting, scheduled for April 24, 1985, of the National Drug Enforcement Policy Board, which "will carefully review all drug enforcement programs and develop the most effective strategies," will mark the beginning of an important new emphasis on drug law enforcement. He concluded that the war on drugs will eventually be won "by redoubling our efforts, devising new and more effective programs, and by never weakening our determination to produce a far greater level of public safety for the American people."

Further information on the OCDETF Program may be obtained from the office of Associate Deputy Attorney General Charles W. Blau, FTS 633-3008.

JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED BY U.S. AND MEXICO ATTORNEYS GENERAL

On March 22, 1985, U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese III, Mexican Attorney General Sergio Garcia-Ramirez, the ambassadors of their countries, and other Department of Justice and State Department officials, met in Washington, D.C. At the conclusion of their meetings, the attorneys general issued the following statement:

We have met today to address the serious problem of international narcotics trafficking, and the terrible effect that the drug trade has on both of our nations and on the international community as a whole. We, of course, also examined the difficulties we have encountered lately in our cooperative law enforcement effort; difficulties that we are resolved to overcome. Our meeting today recognized the many positive enforcement steps we have taken together and underscored our steadfast commitment to working together to combat this common enemy.

In an open and cooperative spirit, we have addressed many issues today, including: eradication programs; initiatives to help combat narcotics trafficking; drug-related corruption; and the recent murder of DEA Special Agent Camarena. We have agreed to develop channels of communication for sharing information about corruption linked to drug trafficking and to take necessary actions to deal

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with this problem; to consider possible joint prosecutions between our two countries within our respective legal systems; and to cooperate fully in strengthening the eradication programs in Mexico.

In addition, we decided that a Joint Law Enforcement Summit, held sometime this summer, would be in the interests of both nations. Further, we agreed to meet again in approximately 6 months time to review our mutual progress in this fight against narcotics trafficking.

Both attorneys general emphasized that the discussions had been positive and fruitful, and reaffirmed that each stands committed to fight for the elimination of international narcotics trafficking.

FORFEITURE: BEEPER SYSTEM TO FACILITATE T.R.O. REQUESTS

[Editor's Note: The following article was submitted for publication by the Asset Forfeiture Office of the Criminal Division. Further information concerning this article, as well as assistance in asset forfeiture matters, may be obtained from that Office at FTS 272-6420.]

United States Attorneys' Offices seeking preindictment temporary restraining orders in forfeiture cases preserving property listed in the proposed indictment pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1963(e)(1)(A) and/or 21 U.S.C. 853(e)(1)(B) must first obtain concurrence from the Asset Forfeiture Office in the Criminal Division. If contact is sought after business hours in Washington, D.C., Assistant United States Attorneys must dial (202) 666-9393 using a touchtone telephone. The person calling must listen for a ring, followed by a beep. Within eight seconds the caller should dial a numeric message (*viz.*, his or her non-FTS telephone number, including area code if necessary). After entering the digits, the caller must then depress the number button (#) on his or her telephone. The caller will then hear an immediate beep or a fast busy signal, which indicates that the AFO duty attorney has been paged. The AFO duty attorney will return the call and process the request during the ensuing telephone conversation.

IRS TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON BUSINESS-RELATED CASH TRANSACTIONS
by Richard C. Wassenaar

[Editor's note: The following article was submitted for publication by Richard C. Wassenaar, Assistant Commissioner (Criminal Investigations), Internal Revenue Service.]

As part of the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984, Congress established a new reporting requirement, effective January 1, 1985, for cash transactions of more than \$10,000 when the transactions relate to a trade or business. In conjunction with this new provision (codified at 26 U.S.C. 6050I), any person